

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

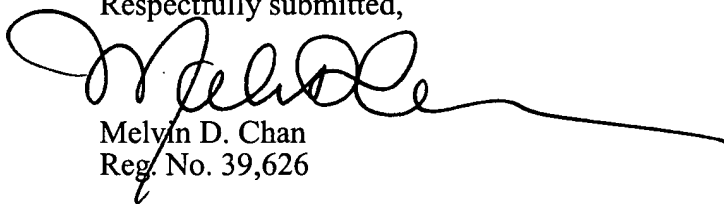
Claims 1-4, 12, and 18-20 are pending in this application. In response to the restriction, applicants elect group I, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims in group II in a separate application. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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